GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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FOOD ATLAS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing any comprehensive food atlas so as to encourage food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has initiated any efforts to identify the areas engaged in the production of agro produces; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c): A data base on agri produce is maintained by the Ministry of Agriculture and its subordinate agencies. To give a boost to the processing of agri produce the Ministry of Food Processing Industries assists in the setting up / modernization / expansion of food processing units. Assistance in human resource development, research and development, quality control and infrastructure development for the food processing industries, is also provided. One of the major schemes of the Ministry namely viz., Food Park Scheme has been in operation for providing infrastructure support to food processing units in the food park area. Under the scheme so far 49 food parks have been sanctioned in different parts of the country.

A Vision Document for promotion of food processing industries has also been prepared to take this sector forward. In addition, State Governments have also been asked to have studies conducted in this sector so that they may also prepare their own action plan and formulate policies for the growth of food processing industries.